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"(b) The Government have asked the Director to permit the opening of two high schools, one at Bukkapatnam and the other at Kothacheruvu in the current year as the District Board requested for it."

Allegations against certain Prohibition officials of the West Godavari district.

* 22 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI (on behalf of Sri A. Govindacharyulu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any petitions containing serious allegations against any Prohibition officials of the West Godavari district;

(b) if so, when, from whom, the number of petitions and the nature of the complaint; and

(c) whether the Government have taken any action on those petitions and, if so, what the action taken is and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—"(a) to (c) The Government have received some petitions containing allegations against certain Prohibition officials in the West Godavari district and they are in various stages of disposal.

"As the correspondence and the investigation connected with these petitions are treated as strictly confidential, the Government consider that it is not in the public interest to furnish the further particulars asked for."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the cases in which investigations have been conducted will be enquired into, and if so, whether it will be an open enquiry?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—"If there is sufficient material, we will refer it to the Tribunal and there will be an enquiry by the Tribunal, if necessary, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the comencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—"I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, dated 1st September 1950 :—

'In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Elementary Education (Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1950), as passed by the Assembly on the 1st September 1950 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council'."

III.—DISCUSSION ON THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE STATE.

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—"Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

'*that the food situation in the State be taken into consideration.*'